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SHAW TRIAL LAUNCHED WITH JURY PANEL QUIZ

Tough Task To Select 12 Is Seen

Selection of a 12-man jury to try Clay L. Shaw on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy was the first order of business as the long-awaited Shaw trial got under way today in Criminal District Court.

The trial, which has been pending since March 1, 1967, finally became a reality when the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison yesterday withdrew its last-minute request for delay and both sides pronounced themselves ready for trial.

Jury selection is expected to be a long and arduous process in view of the widespread publicity the case has received. An initial venire of 169 persons has been drawn from the jury wheel, and more names will be added if necessary.

BOTH THE DEFENSE AND THE STATE are armed

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with 10 peremptory challenges, by which they can discharge a juror without giving a reason. After these are exhausted, it will be up to the judge to decide whether a juror is fit to serve.

Security precautions are being placed in effect by Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. and will be tightened when testimony gets under way.

Admission to the courtroom is by credentials only, and all persons entering will be frisked. A soundless, closed-circuit television camera has been installed in the courtroom with an outlet in the sheriff's office as a security measure.

JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY JR. has laid down strict guidelines for news coverage. Cameras and electronic equipment have been barred from the courthouse, and principals have been ordered not to discuss the case out of court.

Both sides have subpoenaed lists of witnesses, some from out of state, and more are expected. The best known on the state's list is Perry Raymond Russo, who testified at a preliminary hearing that he heard Shaw plotting the assassination with Lee Harvey Oswald and others.

The most prominent defense witness, William Gurvich, a former investigator for Garrison, was reported ill. However, the defense witnesses will not be called until late in the trial.

SHAW, 33, REMAINS FREE on \$10,000 bond while the trial is under way.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock went before Judge Haggerty yesterday and withdrew the motion he filed Friday to delay the trial indefinitely. He had asked for the delay on grounds that outgoing U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark had prejudiced the state's case.

Alcock objected to the release by Clark of the report of experts who last year secretly examined the Kennedy autopsy report, which is to be sealed in the National Archives until 1971.

THE EXPERTS SAID THE RECORDS support the conclusion of the Warren Commission that the president was shot from the rear. Garrison contends the records will show Kennedy was shot from more than one direction.

The DA's office sought in court action last week to subpoena the autopsy records and photos from the archives, but a Washington, D. C., federal judge told Assistant DA Numa Bertel he would have to prove they are material to the Shaw case.

Alcock refused to comment yesterday on whether the Washington court case will be pressed. He gave no specific reason for withdrawing his request for a delay, but said the state will "trust the good judgment, common sense and sense of justice . . . of the people of New Orleans."

The state's case will be handled by Alcock, with "intermittent but rare" appearances by Garrison. Chief counsel for Shaw is E. Irvin Dymond.